



MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT
Attorney Docket No. 24795

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NIZARD et al.

Serial No.: 09/937,848 Group Art Unit: 1617

Filed: January 18, 2002 Examiner: L. Wells

For: **COSMETIC COMPOSITION COMPRISING AT LEAST
ONE SUBSTANCE PROMOTING THE FORMULATION OF
CONNEXIN, USE AND METHOD OF COSMETIC TREATMENT**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official communication mailed on September 23, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period for response expired on December 23, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time and a check in payment thereof are being filed herewith. Thus, the deadline for filing a response is extended to March 23, 2004, and this response should be considered timely filed.

Please amend the claims as follows: